

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A wedge dead end employs a single wedge-shaped jaw  
movable in an angled jaw guide between a rearward open position  
and a forward gripping position. The single jaw wedge dead end  
defines a fixed cable trough generally parallel to a lower gripping  
10 surface of the wedge-shaped jaw. When released from its rearward  
open position the jaw moves toward its forward gripping position and  
into a wedging engagement against a conductor disposed in the cable  
trough. Forward movement of the jaw applies gripping force against  
the conductor until the full tension of the transmission line is  
developed.

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